



State of Arizona
Department of Education

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To: BIA School Officials
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Subject: Time-sensitive response required by February 22, 2006

On December 30, 2005, the U.S. Congress passed H.R. 2863 and appropriated funds to provide "Temporary Emergency Aid for Displaced Students." The provisions include funds to public, non-public (private), and BIA-Funded schools in which students displaced by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita have enrolled. The funds are to be used to provide services and assistance to schools with displaced students. Any eligible school that has served at least one displaced student may apply for these funds. Funds are being allocated in multiple payments. ADE is anticipating the first payment from USED on or before February 16, 2006; therefore distributions to the LEAs will be made as March payments. The purpose of this letter is to alert you of the timeline and process for applying for payment for Quarter 3.

First, you will need to collect data on the number of displaced students enrolled in your BIA-funded schools, with and without disabilities, on February 1, 2006. "*Displaced student*" is defined as "*a student who enrolled in an elementary school or secondary school (other than the school that the student was enrolled in, or was eligible to be enrolled in, on August 22, 2005) because such student resides or resided on August 22, 2005, in an area for which a major disaster has been declared in accordance with section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170), related to Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.*"

Second, use the information gathered regarding displaced students to complete the "Application by Bureau of Indian Affairs – Funded Schools," which can be downloaded at <http://www.ade.az.gov/katrina>. This form must be received by ADE **on or before Wednesday, February 22, 2006**. Signatures are required. In order to receive funding, your LEA must adhere to this timeline. **No extensions to this deadline are available.**

If you have not enrolled any displaced students, or did not have any enrolled on February 1, 2006, you need not apply.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. I can be reached by phone at (602) 542-4963, by email at mmcvey@ade.az.us, or fax at (602) 542-3100. As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.